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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	SEPTEMBER 1983			SEPTEMBER 30, 1983	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER					
Southern Pine Region	551	583	599	503	1,429
Douglas Fir Region	671	645	717	639	1,014
Western Pine Region	789	779	814	444	1,252
California Redwood Region	121	128	135	38	356
Other Softwoods	119	119	126	234	270
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,251	2,254	2,391	1,858	4,321
% Change - August 1983	+ 1.8	+ 3.8	+16.7	+ 8.0	- 0.1
% Change - September 1982	+14.1	+26.0	+33.6	+17.6	- 0.8
HARDWOOD LUMBER					
Southern Hardwood Region	307	300	306	222	688
Appalachian Hardwood Region	47	44	46	*	*
Other Hardwoods	143	139	142	141	861
TOTAL HARDWOODS	497	483	494	363	1,549
% Change - August 1983	-10.5	-11.9	- 5.9	+ 3.1	+ 0.9
% Change - September 1982	+24.3	+19.6	+20.2	+19.4	-14.0
TOTAL LUMBER	2,748	2,737	2,885	2,221	5,870
% Change - August 1983	- 0.6	+ 0.6	+12.1	+ 7.1	+ 0.2
% Change - September 1982	+15.8	+24.8	+31.1	+17.9	- 4.7
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
	(Thousand Feet)				
FLOORING					
Oak Flooring Region (Board Feet)	---	8,791	---	5,992	4,943
Maple Flooring Region (Square Feet)	808	933	837	2,305	2,035
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD (Sq. Ft. 3/8" Basis)					
Total All Regions	1,838,434	1,769,644	1,829,575	476,867	387,348
% Change - August 1983	- 4.6	- 7.0	- 5.0	+14.4	+13.2
% Change - September 1982	+17.1	+17.0	+26.0	+ 0.7	- 7.7

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

	PRODUCTION				SHIPMENTS		
	Sep.'83	% Change From Aug.'83	% Change From Sep.'82		Sep.'83	% Change From Aug.'83	% Change From Sep.'82
	(Million Board Feet)				(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	6,625	- 6.7	-14.3	Southern Pine Reg.	6,975	+ 0.5	+ 9.2
Douglas Fir Reg.	7,625	+11.3	+31.8	Douglas Fir Reg.	7,551	+ 5.5	+37.2
Western Pine Reg.	8,401	- 8.8	+33.3	Western Pine Reg.	8,280	+ 2.6	+34.8
Cal. Redwood Reg.	1,588	+ 6.4	- 2.5	Cal. Redwood Reg.	1,705	+ 8.8	+14.0
Other Softwoods	1,346	- 0.3	+14.4	Other Softwoods	1,361	+ 3.2	+25.3
Total Softwoods	25,585	- 1.6	+13.1	Total Softwoods	25,872	+ 3.3	+25.5
Total Hardwoods	5,680	-11.3	+24.2	Total Hardwoods	5,655	-11.3	+19.6
TOTAL LUMBER	31,265	- 3.5	+15.0	TOTAL LUMBER	31,527	+ 0.3	+24.4

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

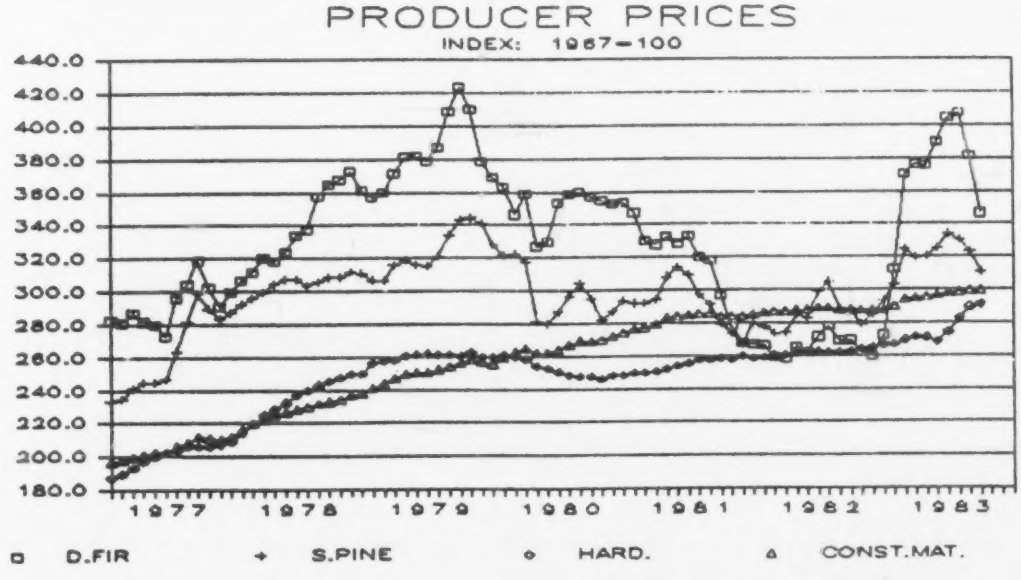
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber -- 9 mos. 1983	23,743	23,618	23,730
Total Lumber -- 9 mos. 1982	19,390	19,143	19,309
% Change	+22.5	+23.4	+22.9
Softwood Lumber -- 9 mos. 1983	19,533	19,191	19,297
Softwood Lumber -- 9 mos. 1982	15,776	15,404	15,599
% Change	+23.8	+24.6	+23.7
Hardwood Lumber -- 9 mos. 1983	4,210	4,427	4,433
Hardwood Lumber -- 9 mos. 1982	3,614	3,739	3,710
% Change	+16.5	+18.4	+19.5

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Sep. '83	- % Change From - Aug. '83	- % Change From - Sep. '82	9 mos.'83	% Change From 9 mos.'82
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	1,052.1	- 3.5	+ 9.4	9,154.5	+32.7
Softwoods	1,025.9	- 4.0	+ 9.4	8,965.1	+33.5
From Canada	1,023.9	- 4.0	+ 9.4	8,944.9	+33.6
Other Sources	2.1	-32.7	+42.4	20.2	-10.0
Hardwoods	24.9	+28.5	+ 7.6	180.0	+13.5
From Canada	5.9	- 5.1	-20.0	58.1	+ 7.6
Other Sources	18.9	+44.5	+20.6	121.9	+16.5
Other (Not Specified)	1.3	- 2.4	+68.5	9.4	-62.6
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	189.4	- 4.8	+43.9	1,712.0	+13.5
Softwoods	139.0	- 6.7	+38.3	1,328.5	+ 9.5
Hardwoods	45.8	+ 0.3	+61.7	347.4	+30.0
Other (Not Specified)	4.6	+10.2	+62.9	36.2	+24.6
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	56.8	- 3.4	+89.3	509.1	+62.6

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	-% Change From-		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Sep.'83	Aug.'83	Sep.'82	9 mos.'83	9 mos.'82
	(Billions of Dollars)				
VALUE OF ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION					
PUT-IN-PLACE	25.4	- 0.4	+18.1	191.3	+12.8
Private	20.1	+ 1.0	+25.5	154.0	+16.8
Residential	10.9	- 0.9	+66.1	79.6	+48.1
Nonresidential & Other	9.2	+ 3.4	- 2.7	74.4	- 4.8
Public	5.3	- 5.4	- 3.3	37.4	- 0.9
	Oct.'83	Sep.'83	Oct.'82	10mos.'83	10mos.'82
	(Thousands of Units)				
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED					
Total Private and Public Starts	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
New Private Starts	155.2	0.0	+40.5	1,454,9	+67.2
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate	1608	- 3.8	+40.8		
One-Family Housing Starts	88.2	- 9.8	+33.0	921.5	+69.1
(Proportion of Total Starts)	n.a.			n.a.	
	Sep.'83	Aug.'83	Sep.'82	9 mos.'83	9 mos.'82
	(Millions of Dollars)				
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED					
All Private Construction	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
New Housing Units	6,256	- 6.3	+58.2	51,733	+79.9
New Nonresidential Structures	3,754	+ 5.5	+36.3	26,306	+ 7.1
Additions and Alterations	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	(Number of Units)				
SHIPMENTS OF MOBILE HOMES	28,000	- 7.0	+32.1	226,000	+23.0



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	----% Change From-----		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Q III 1983	Q II 1983	Q III 1982	9 mos. '83	9 mos. '82
	(Million Board Feet)				
U.S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION					
Total	10,695	- 0.4	+16.6	31,060	+26.6
Softwoods	9,213	- 1.6	+15.1	26,827	+28.3
Hardwoods	1,482	+ 7.3	+27.4	4,233	+16.7

		% Change From	
	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982
	(Thousands of Employees)		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted)			
All Industries	91,073	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
All Manufacturing Industries	19,040	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
Lumber and Wood Products	712	+ 1.1	+17.7
Furniture and Fixtures	464	+ 1.1	+ 8.9

		% Change From	
	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982
	(Index: 1967=100)		
PRODUCER PRICES			
All Commodities	306.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
All Construction Materials	300.4	+ 0.2	+ 4.3
Lumber and Wood Products	306.1	0.0	+ 9.6
All Lumber	345.8	- 0.7	+13.2
Softwood Lumber	357.0	- 1.2	+13.6
Douglas Fir Lumber	337.7	- 2.5	+29.0
Southern Pine Lumber	313.8	+ 0.9	+12.4
Other Softwood Lumber	383.8	- 2.2	+12.2
Hardwood Lumber	295.0	+ 1.3	+11.7
Millwork	307.1	+ 0.5	+10.2
Softwood Plywood	309.0	+ 0.9	+11.3
Hardwood Plywood	182.7	+ 0.0	+ 4.4
Wood Household Furniture	262.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Pulp, Paper, and Allied Products	300.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Steel Mill Products	358.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Aluminum Shapes	316.4	+ 0.9	+ 7.2
Concrete Products	303.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Structural Clay Products	282.8	+ 0.4	+ 7.1

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